

# The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



January 14, 2024

Called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.

## Happening Soon at St. David's

Sunday, January 14	10 am	A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room
Epiphany 2	11 am	Holy Eucharist, Coffee Hour follows. Vestry meeting follows.
Tuesdays	1 pm	Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the <i>Gathering Place</i>
Thursday, January 18	9-11 am	Church Work Day
Sunday, January 21	10 am	A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room
Epiphany 3	11 am	Holy Eucharist, Coffee Hour follows.
Sunday, January 28	10 am	A Deeper Dive: Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room
Epiphany 4	11 am	Holy Eucharist followed by Annual Meeting then Coffee Hour

### A Deeper Dive

Beginning this Sunday, the group will be reading and discussing a book by Amy-Jill Levine—*Short Stories by Jesus*. For week one we will cover the introduction, and we hope to cover one chapter per week. If you are interested, please come. We meet at 10 am in the Upper Room every Sunday.

### Church Work Day

9-11 am, Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

The third Thursday of each month from 9-11am has been designated by the vestry for doing various clean-up tasks both inside and outside the church.



## Happy New Year from Your Treasurer

By Randi Neff

Thank you all for being patient with me this year, especially around Christmas. Jeff and I took a leave of absence from the country for the Caribbean, and I probably forgot a lot of things. I'm back to being focused on St. David's, however. I wanted to give you an update on our budget timeline. Our annual meeting is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> after the service. We will present our budget which vestry should be able to approve at our regular meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>. I will be sending out your annual 2023 pledge statements next week.

To meet this timeline, we need to be sure all pledges have been recorded. We have 28 pledges totaling \$99,806 with a goal of \$113,000. In 2023 we collected \$30,000 more than was pledged. Part of that was fundraising, but over \$5,000 was collected in cash offerings. The pledge amount helps us set our budget, but we cannot include estimated cash offerings. We are doing fine financially, but it makes it difficult to set a reasonable budget if pledges are not made.

You can pledge through Saturday by sending Randi an email at [treasurer@stdavidscullowhee.org](mailto:treasurer@stdavidscullowhee.org).

Dear St. David's Parish Family,

Thank you for your generous Christmas gift. It is a blessing to me to be your priest and to be in ministry with you. I am grateful for your generous gift, your wishes of blessing during this season, and your ongoing support.

Peace and blessings,  
Mtr. Gaelyn

## Parish News & Notes

### Birthdays

Jan 1     **Hank Sharp**  
Jan 5     **Rich James**  
Jan 10    **Heidi Dinkelmeyer**

### Anniversary

Jan 17    **Karen & Harry Brown**

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### Greetings from Antigua!

We didn't get the full summer break we needed so we're taking summer break for Christmas.



[Resources link](#)

### Resources for the Holy Land Conflict

The Office of Government Relations in The Episcopal Church has released a webpage of resources to follow the conflict in Gaza, Palestine, and Israel. The page includes ways to take action to support the citizens affected by the conflict, statements from leaders, partner resources, prayers, social media, and a list of press releases. The page is being updated as the situation develops.

Information and giving options are available here:

[https://support.episcopalrelief.org/middle-east/?ID=WS23-DRR\\_231012DPADS0100](https://support.episcopalrelief.org/middle-east/?ID=WS23-DRR_231012DPADS0100)

### **Beware of Scammers!**

No member of the St. David's clergy or staff will ever contact the parish via email or text requesting money or gift cards! Please do not respond to or forward suspicious emails, and never give out your personal information to anyone over the internet or through email.

### **Securing Our Property**

Please remember to lock any doors that you may have opened either upstairs or in the *Gathering Place* when you leave!

### **Church Membership Directory**

Should you wish to have a directory emailed or mailed to you, please contact our parish administrator, Graydon Elliott, at [info@stdavidscullowhee.org](mailto:info@stdavidscullowhee.org).

### **Lake Logan Events**

<https://www.lakelogan.org/events/>

### **Vestry Minutes**

Vestry minutes may be found in a white notebook in the library upstairs.

### **Beans & Rice**

Donations of rice and beans may be left in the large containers behind the front doors of the church. They go to the Community Table and United Christian Ministries.



### **St. David's Little Free Library**

Borrow a book or donate a book to the lending shelf located in the *Gathering Place* next to the Sacristy.

### **St. David's in the Valley, Clergy and Staff**

The Right Rev. Jose A. McLoughlin, Bishop  
The Rev. Gaelyn Lei Evangreene, Rector and Campus Missioner  
Dr. Lillian Pearson, Organist  
Graydon Elliott, Parish Administrator

### **Serving this Sunday**

Chalice Bearer, Betsy Swift  
Lector, Lydia Aydlett  
Altar, Betsy Swift  
Bread Baker, Gracia & John Slater  
Greeter,  
Vestry Counter,  
Coffee Hour, Sherrie Orvis  
Live Streaming,  
Flowers,

### **Readings**

[1 Samuel 3:1-10\(11-20\), 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51, Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17](#)

### **Contact us:**

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## Regular Schedule at St. David's

### Sundays

10:00-10:40

Reflection and Conversation in the Upper Room

11:00

In-Person and Facebook Live Holy Eucharist

5:30

Episcopal Campus Ministry@WCU



**ST. DAVID'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 12:45**

Vestry in the *Upper Room*

**Tuesdays at 1 pm**

Women of a Certain Age (LOL) meet in the *Gathering Place*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 9 11 am**

Church Workday

**Last Sundays except December and May-July-Soup Supper at 6 pm**